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has no competitor. count of personal absence, letters to THE STAR should not be addressed to any individual connected with the office, but simply to THE STAR, or to the Editorial or Business Depart-ments, according to tenor or purpose.

The only vital objection to the bond bill raised by Mr. Bowen, representing the labor organizations, is that which attacks the principle of interest-bearing bonds. His other criticisms could be duly weighed, and if considered sound be made the basis of amendments; but if under no circumstances a municipality should contract an interest-bearing debt, any bond issue is legically prohibited in advance. The argument against bonds is of course applied in this case to the conditions of the District, but the line of reasoning which is relied upon to establish that a bond-issue would be uneconomical for Washington, with its so-called annual surplus, would demonstrate the greater folly of a community which without such a surplus should enter upon this alleged extravagant, money-draining and money-wasting policy. Not to run into debt is a good rule, both for individuals and municipalities. But when the business man can by the immediate investment of a larger sum than he possesses cause the money to become productive of vastly greater returns than the interest charge on the loan, he wisely runs into debt. And so with a community, which needs some great public works, that must be completed before they can be enjoyed in any part, and which has not the means in current revenues to meet the large sums immediately required for the prompt and economical completion of these improvements. The benefits of these works are enjoyed by the individuals constituting the municipality of succeeding future years, and it is just that they should be paid for in accordance with some method which will distribute the cost equitably among this succession of tax-paying and benefited Washingtons instead of taking it in a lump, if that were possible, from the current revenues of the Washington of

It has been demonstrated that the piecemeal method of building a comprehensive system of sewerage is thoroughly wasteful and extravagant. It is a vicious method everywhere else, and it is a vicious method here. Washington needs for this work a much larger sum of money than can be spared from the current revenues during the time necessary for its prompt completion, even if Congress would make the required direct appropriations, which, in the light of experience, every one knows that Congress would not do. The conditions, therefere, all seem to suggest the wisdom and economy of running into debt, if our national partner will authorize and participate in the indebtedness. The reasoning is fallacious which treats Washington as a wealthy individual in whose case it is preposterous to suggest the necessity of

obtaining a loan.

This municipality is a partnership, and the active and governing member of the up in money its share of the large immediate expenditures absolutely necessary for the proper conduct and future prosperity of the business, even if the other partner, the local taxpayers, was able to do so. Moreover, the citizens of today could not afford to pay out one-half of the sum required, and it would not be just to require them to do so. The local silent partner in the firm, keenly appreciating the necessity of the proposed improvements, and finding it impossible to accomplish them through direct appropriations of money, is endeavoring to induce the active partner to raise the needed money on credit, and this can be accomplished at an exceedingly low rate of interest, for the

active partner's credit is very good.

The permanent benefits of the bond-issue to counterbalance the temporary interest and sinking fund charges will be found in provements, and the temptation to Conprinciple of proportionate contribution is in ages to the National Capital.

large measure removed. Most of Mr. Bowen's reasoning against a bond-issue would, if carried to its logical extreme, abolish credit and interest-bearing thorized to issue non-interest-bearing obligations, "prepared on silk-threaded paper wise, to pay for these improvements, it would of course be cheaper for the local which now prevails is revolutionized the is permitted to contract an interest-bearing purposes, in company with Uncle Sam, and at the low interest charge which his credit assures.

A Mr. Law, who was sat down upon by Tammany in an effort to reorganize that association, doubtless probably has some suspicion that his name was against him.

It is believed that France will soon have a new cabinet. This will complete the first important step toward another crisis.

Mexico does not expect bloodshed in the present complication. She feels perfectly

able to whip Guatemala without it.

When Thomas Platt wants a vindication he engineers it himself.

There is an effort by the legislatures of some states, both in the east and west, to improve on The Star's method of protecting the public from that egregious nuisance, the theater bat. With the sublime confidence of the bucolic statesman, these legislatures have failed to realize that there are questions too subtle to be dealt with by mere statutory methods, and they have considered the advisability of passing laws to suppress the theater hat. There was a time when kings regulated the style of a man's whiskers, but in the republican spirit of these times questions of personal appearance must be left to the taste of the as the Commissioners have demonstrated, properly within the province of the government, but a superabundance does not. It is only possible to educate the taste of to them the impropriety of the overgrown picturesque, has little practical value. headgear which obscures the stage and to impress the fact that the theater cannot

public morals while this obscuring and irritating institution flourishes. It is gratifying to note that the educational method has been eminently successful in Washington. The large hat for theater purposes is practically obsolete. No law seems necessary. On the contrary, a legal restriction is capable of working a good deal of injustice. Visitors from rural communities who have permanent circulation much more no knowledge of such regulations might be than the combined circulation of put to serious inconvenience and have what the other Washington dailies. As a would otherwise have been a pleasant visit spoiled through no deliberate act of their News and Advertising Medium it own. It is true that the headwear of the rural visitor is no less annoying than the bearance for the benefit of the uninstructed. This self-denial is but a temporary matter, for it is only a question of time when the impropriety of the big theater hat will be understood in the humblest and most remote circles of society.

Time was when that copy of the Congressional Record in which were no remarks by Roger Quarles Mills of Corsicana, Tex., had no standing in modern literature, but since Mr. Mills was removed from the House to the Senate his public appearances have been rare and his speeches quite as infrequent as the proverbial angels' visits. This state of affairs is, no doubt, a continual strain upon Mr. Mills, whatever may be its effects upon the Senate, so it is only natural that semioccasionally the hot flood of bubbling language should overflow the limits of a vessel less deep than it might be and sizzle the surrounding verdure until it is hopelessly dead. Yesterday Mr. Mills became super heated over the Hawaiian question and in the course of a fervid appeal to the country to pull the administration out of a hole which it dug for itself, said several things that provoked laughter instead of inducing tears. While reading President Harrison's letter to Queen Liliuokalani, in connection with the advent of Minister Stevens at Honolulu, Senator Mills depicted the dusky monarch as seeking to protect her own poor native people against the corporate greed that was after possession of the great sugar lands of Hawaii. How Mrs. Dominis (whose main financial supporter has been Claus Spreckles, the Hawaiian sugar king) will laugh if that remarkable utterance ever gets to her ears. All the civilized world knows that Liliuckalani was one of the most conscienceless of blackmailers; that she was surrounded by a throng of villains whose main object in life was robbery of the most bare-faced sort. Can it be possible that Senator Mills never heard of the nutbrown queen's relations with the opium smugglers, or her direct personal interest in the welfare of the lottery ring? Of all the ludicrous statements made as to the Liliuokalani administration nothing is more transcendently absurd than the Mills claim that the queen was in any sense the guardian of decency in Hawait.

It is asserted that to undertake extensive public works in the District at this time would be to invite the entrance of unemployed outsiders, who might after the works were finished be stranded here to cur injury. This objection when analyzed numerous demands for the relief of the amounts to an assertion that we should poor. The contributions to The Star's not seize the opportunity to furnish labor pound party were promptly distributed, and a means of livelihood for several years | and the central relief committee is engaged to thousands of the local unemployed, be- in organizing a committee for the canvass cause in doing so we may also furnish of the city. Soup houses were opened in work to some others, who may be in the way at some time in the future. No one who advises that work should be made for lines of the Eckington road was made to the poor will be much impressed by the the Commissioners. An investigation was suggestion that nothing be done in a certain line, because too much work may be made for them.

There may be better times, and a wider range of employment all over the country when our improvements are completed, and those who have been engaged on these works will perhaps have accumulated the little which is necessary to take them to other fields of labor. In any event, it is absurd for us to so sbrink from a possible problem of the future that we neglect our duty of today. Our present concern is with the unemployed and destitute who now suffer all about us. We must furnish work to them, and we will leave mere future possibilities to the future.

New Hampshire's good people should not offer objections to the intent of the House committee on naval affairs to remove to the improved health and attractiveness and this city what is left of the old frigate the increased population and taxable values | Constitution, now lying in the Portmouth of the city. It does not appear that there Navy Yard. There is no broadly-based reawill be any necessity to raise the tax rate. son why that interesting relic should re-The current needs of the city will be met main in seclusion at Portsmouth; it has in the future by direct appropriation from a duty to perform that can only be atthe current revenues in a more or less tended to at the National Capital. This satisfactory manner and after more or less is the educational center of the United of controversy, as they have in the recent | States and among the many exhibits and past. The so-called annual District sur- aids to patriotism here displayed none plus, which represents the amount of local would outrank the famous old ship of war. taxes which Congress is unwilling to meet To keep the Constitution at Portsmouth by direct appropriations, will be decreased would be to gratify only New Hampshire; by the sum necessary to pay the interest to station the Constitution here would and sinking fund charge on these bonds. meet the approval of the entire nation-Washington, unable to secure direct ap- New Hampshire only excepted. At Portspropriation of this surplus, will cause it to mouth the ancient frigate would be an obbe largely applied in advance on the half- ject of but little more than mere local and-half principle to vitally necessary im- pride; at the seat of government the historic hulk would be venerated by the resigress of using this unexpended balance in dent population and by the countless thousome ill-advised way or in violation of the sands who make at least annual pilgrim-

One of the remarkable features of Congressional proceedings during the present session has been the prevalence of what obligations. If Washington could be au- has every appearance of being real harmony among the leaders of the two big political parties. Innumerable opportunities in the highest style of the art" or other- for exhibitions of political acerbity have been permitted to pass by unnoticed, even when the temptation must have been altaxpayers, but until the financial system most overpowering to those republicans who are pastmasters in the art of satirical District may consider itself fortunate if it | comment. Occasionally one of the lesser lights will kick over the traces, but as a debt for such worthy and vitally important rule the big men among the republicans may safely plead "not guilty" to any charge of attempting to make the declining days of their political opponents disagreeable. In times past there never was any such marked consideration shown the sensibilities of the defeated, and a few warm partisans yet fail to understand why there should be such a radical change in Congressional procedure. The American people generally, however, will probably appreciate the newer and better way of doing

> things. It appears that there is so little opposition to the pure milk bill now pending in the Senate that even the dairymen are in favor of its passage. That presents a most unusual state of things, and one that should be welcomed by the pecple of the District, where there are ordinarily so many interests to serve that legislation in the interest of reform is seldom possible except after extraordinary efforts. As a matter of fact, honest dealers in milk can find in the bill little reason for opposition. There are, as was pointed out in yesterday's Star, some minor amendments that may have to be made in the interest of strict justice, both to the dealer and the consumer. These amendments can easily be made, and should not retard the final passage of the measure, which seems to be very much needed.

There is a great deal of solid comfort in findividual. A deficiency of attire comes, thinking of how much oftener the dynamite rumor is exploded than the dynamite The liquor shop for Sunday sales

John J. Ingalls has evidently decided the wearers of theater hats; to point out that the states man-out-of-a-job pose, while

Judge Ricks is to be congratulated on possibly exert an elevating influence on compromising his case successfully.

THE WEEK.

Two currency bills were offered in the

Senate during the past week. One by Mr.

Smith provides for a temporary bond issue

pending an investigation by a "monetary

commission" composed of Senators, mem-

bers of the House and civilians. Another, by Mr. Jones, provides for a bond issue ard a conditional restoration of silver. The two Senators urged their respective measures in speeches which received close attention from a well-filled Senate and crewded galleries. Mr. Dingley called attention to what he termed the failure of the regulations for the protection of the Alaskan seal herd and to the probability of the complete extinction of the herd unless steps were immediately taken to secure the co-operation of Great Britain for the protection of the seals. President Clevend's proposition to allow the Canadians to land a cable at Necker Island was unanimously turned down by the Senate fcreign relations committee. Administrasubject of sharp attack and defense in the United States Senate. Chief Debs and other officials of the A. R. U. were placed on trial in the United States court, Chicago, for conspiracy to obstruct the United States mails. Dr. Paul Pequin of St. Louis has announced the discovery of an anti-consumpnounced the discovery of an anti-consump-ticn serum. Paul M. Swain, a drug broker, who disappeared from Boston a year ago, has been found in London. The steamer Chicora foundered in Lake Michigan, and none of the passengers or crew can be found. The New York assembly passed a bill empowering the mayor of New York bill empowering the mayor of New York to remove the chiefs of departments in New York city. Judge Gaynor granted a mardamus asked for to compel the Brooklyn street railway companies to run their cars. He took the ground that the comwas not a party to the controversy be-tween the employers and employes, and that they were bound to make such ar-rangements as would enable them to fulfill this duty. Gen. W. J. Sewell of New Jersey, Francis E. Warren and Clarence D. Clark of Wyoming, Knute Nelson of Minnesota, Lucien Baker of Kansas and S. B. Elkins of West Virginia were elected to the United States Senate. Senators Cullom, Harris and Perkins were re-elected. The strike on the trolley railways in Brooklyn continued. Two men were fatally wounded by the firing of the militia when attacked with missiles. The militia generally showed great self-control under very irritating circumstances. Dr. Alfred L. Loomis died in New York. Gov. Mosely of the Chickasaw nation died in Texas. Foreign.

Japanese troops were landed near the Shan Tung promontory on the Chinese mainland. Japanese officers report that their naval forces met with feeble resistance at Yung-Chang. The Chinese guns were quickly silenced, and the Japanese landed and captured the fort without any osses. Capt. Folger of the American cruiser Yorktown cabled the Navy Department that the Yorktown had taken seventeer women and children of the missionary families from Tung Chow, the place re-cently bombarded, to Che Foo, and that marines had been landed at the latter place to protect them. President Diaz of Mexico actified the Guatemalan government that he would concede nothing in the boundary line controversy, and that Guatemala would have to yield or suffer the consequences. Dr. Saenz Pena, president of the Argentine Republic, resigned and the vice president, Senor Uriburu, was proclaimed president. Germany has open-ed negotiations with Japan for a commer-

In the District. Various agencies for dispensing charitable aid are kept busy attending to the the treasury officials into the management of the Georgetown custom house, and the report submitted to the President. Considerable local interest was aroused by the proposition made in the Senate for the purchase by the government of the Blaine property, on Layfayette Square, recently leased to a syndi-cate that proposes to erect a theater building. Encouraging progress has been made in securing contributions to the fund needed for the endowment of the proposed new Episcopal Diocese of Washington. A was adopted at the meeting of the board of trade, and the necessity of the sewer extension plan was discussed. In the Senate the bond bill was offered as an amendment to the District appropriation bill. Owing to the question that has been raised as to whether Alexander Island is a part of the District, the Commissioners have asked the Attorney General to have the matter definitely determined. The carsheds of the

Institution met in annual session.

Brightwood Street Railway Company were

destroyed by fire. The Senate District com-mittee continued its hearings on the dol-

SHOOTING STARS. A Peculiar Phenomenon. "I have been studying human nature a great many years, now," said an editor thoughtfully, "but there's one thing I never expect to understand."

"What is that?" asked his wife. "I can't see why the young fellows of eighteen and nineteen always bring in mother-in-law jokes, while the gray-haired veterans bring in pieces about the young man who is kicked out by his girl's fa-

The Reason.

"Mr. Bluffly," she said graciously, "you are one of the most original men I have met in ever so long. You haven't said a single word about the weather." "No." he replied, with a tinge of regret in his voice; "I couldn't in the presence of

A Hawaiian Soliloguy. "I find it very dry," she said; "The skies are clear again; And yet I really thought it looked

A little bit like reign."

"Mister." he said plaintively, "I'm hard up, I am. I hain't had no place ter sleep fur three days." "What's that?" exclaimed the kind-heart-

"It's dead right," replied Meandering Mike; "dead right, mister, an' I kin prove it, if ye'll gimme a quarter."

"Very well," said the kind-hearted man. 'Here's twenty-five cents, and you can step around with me to the charitable authorities, while I investigate." "There ain't no need ter go so fur. De

reason I ain't had no place ter sleep fur three days is because nine er ten hours at a time is enough fur me ter sleep. I didn't wanter sleep fur three days." And he vanished, leaving one more cynic

She Will Laugh Then. Ah, woman, how thy sympathy Makes all man's lifetime sweet-Save when he inadvertently Steps on the slippery street.

"Pride," said Uncle Eben, "am ter de chillun whut bakin' powdah am ter de cookin'. Yoh can't raise 'em right wifout it, but too much am gwine ter spile 'em

A Sigh From New York. There somehow seems less interest In cases where they pay Policemen more than salaries Since Parkhurst went away.

The green goods man has left his lair; The bunco game they play; The lambs are frisking everywhere Since Parkhurst went away.

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